

TOWN OF WAYNE  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
June 25, 2020

The June 25<sup>th</sup> Special Board meeting to discuss the NYSEG Hydroplant potential opportunity meeting commenced at 6:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Supervisor Dunbar  
Councilperson Walton  
Councilperson Freeman  
Town Clerk Mahr

Absent: Councilperson Haff  
Councilperson Kenyon

The meeting was held via zoom conferencing. Other identified participants present were: Deb Fiske, Lulu Martin, Gary Gray, Margaret Rodgers, Ron & Terry Allison, Betty Fang, Kurt Falvey, Claude Gingerich, Jay White, Lori Foster, Dave Harman, Diane Dunbar, Mary Jo Eunice, Daniel Dalton, Peter Schnorr, Bernadette Ervin, Scott Swindley, Wayne Hand, Charles & Meredith Graham.

**Hydroplant Opportunity.**

Supervisor Dunbar reviewed the details of a letter he had received from Mr. William Derrick offering to make a donation to Town of Wayne to procure the NYSEG hydroplant. Supervisor Dunbar also reviewed the terms, conditions and deed restrictions stipulated in the offer letter. Supervisor Dunbar has established a potential contact at NYSEG to initiate a discussion on the subject. Supervisor Dunbar brought up a board motion made in April of 2019 that restricted the Town Supervisor from contacting NYSEG on this topic without Board knowledge. Supervisor Dunbar asked does the Board need to change this motion.

The Board members present proceeded to discuss the offer in more detail. Councilperson Walton suggested a committee be set up to represent the Town on this project. It should be made up of Board members and town residents. Councilperson Walton volunteered to participate in this committee and in any conversations with NYSEG. It was also stated that NYSEG has not indicated whether they have any intentions to sell the facility and associated property. Councilperson Freeman stated that the offer letter was to purchase only the property on Keuka Lake and not all the entire parcels that NYSEG owns. Prior discussions on this purchase was for the entire property at the same price point offered in Mr. Derrick's letter. Councilperson Freeman also added that there was no need to change the April 2019 motion because Supervisor Dunbar was contacting NYSEG with the Board's knowledge. Supervisor Dunbar proposed the following next steps:

1. Develop and publish a list of activities and potential committee volunteers that should be associated with this project.

2. Supervisor Dunbar to follow up with his initial contact with NYSEG to begin exploratory discussions on a potential purchase.

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Claude Gingerich asked who is Mr. Derrick and can his letter could be published on the website. Clerk Mahr and Supervisor Dunbar to follow up on the request.

Mr. Wayne Hand stated the dollars discussed in the letter was what was negotiated with NYSEG for the entire property when this procurement was reviewed in 2016. The price was based on a third party appraisal. The potential major benefit of the project was two -fold. 1- To provide lake access to residents who did not have any. 2- To provide a source of public water for the entire Town to access.

Mr. Peter Schnorr asked for clarification on the prior appraisal effort. He also expressed concerns of the financial, security and safety impacts this acquisition could have on the Town.

Mr. Jay White asked that any plans for the channel, if acquired, between Keuka and Waneta Lakes needs to be clarified to the public.

Ms. Bernadette Ervin stated her concern that the Town should have more than one person interfacing with NYSEG.

### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn the special Town Board meeting was made by Supervisor Dunbar and seconded by Councilperson Freeman with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Mahr Town Clerk  
June 25, 2020